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SUBJECT: CHANGE IN GUYANA'S DELEGATE TO LAGOS CONFERENCE

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- 1. DUE TO LAST MINUTE SWITCH GUYANA'S RESPONSIBILITIES AT SUBJECT CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN DIVIDED. THE CHIEF DELEGATE FOR THE DELIBERATIVE PART OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE FINANCE MINISTER FRANK HOPE; HOWEVER, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER REID WILL DELIVER THE CLOSING ADDRESS, SPEAKING IN PLACE OF PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM.
- 2. THAT THE FINANCE MINISTER WAS SELECTED TO HEAD THE DELEGATION PROBABLY MEANS THAT GUYANA WILL TRY AGAIN WITH NIGERIA AND PERHAPS LIBYA TO OBTAIN LOANS.
- 3. HOPE IS WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD THE US, BUT DOES NOT HAVE POLITICAL POWER IN THE GOG. HIS INFLUENCE RESTS ON HIS TECHNICAL COMPETENCE. HE WELCOMES CONTACT WITH US OFFICIALS AND WOULD BE AMENABLE TO REPRESENTATIONS PROVIDED THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT RIGID. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. WHAT INSTRUCTIONS BURNHAM GAVE HIM, HOWEVER, IS NOT KNOWN. ALL GUYANESE LEADERS ARE TOTALLY INVOLVED THIS WEEK IN THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS' (PNC) BIENNIAL CONGRESS AND HAVE BEEN OUT OT REACH. CHARGE DISCUSSED ISSUES WITH FONMIN WILLS AUGUST 15 WHEN LATTER EXPECTED TO BE THE DELEGATE. IT IS QUESTIONABLE,

IN VIEW OF AT LEAST TWO LAST MINUTE CHANGES OF MIND BY BURNHAM CONCERNING THE DELEGATE TO THE LAGOS CONFERENCE, THAT WILLS WAS ABLE TO BRIEF HOPE BEFORE HE LEFT. WILLS REPORTEDLY IS DEJECTED BECAUSE HE WAS NOT PERMITTED TO GO AND WAS CUT OUT OF DECISIONMAKING ON THIS ISSUE. BLACKEN

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